

**CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT
CASE SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT**

10 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60653
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HX475653

Case id : 9825613
Sup ID : 10992767 CASR301

XC. CLEARED CLOSED (OTHER EXCEPTIONAL)				DETECTIVE SUP. APPROVAL COMPLETE	
Offense Classification/Re-Classification		IUCR Code		Original Offense Classification	
ASSAULT / Aggravated Po:Knife/Cut Instr		0552		ASSAULT / Aggravated Po:Knife/Cut Instr	
Address of Occurrence		Beat of Occur		No of Victims	No of Offenders
1112 S PULASKI RD		815		4	1
Location Type		Location Code		Secondary Location	
Street		304			
Date of Occurrence		Unit Assigned		Date RO Arrived	Fire Related?
20-OCT-2014 21:57		0841R		20-OCT-2014 21:57	NO
				Gang Related?	Domestic Related?
				NO	NO
Reporting Officer		Star No	Approving Supervisor	Star No	Primary Detective Assigned
MARCH, David		20563	WOJCIK, Anthony	481	MARCH, David
Date Submitted		Date Approved		Assignment Type	
15-MAR-2015 18:26		16-MAR-2015 00:03		FIELD	

THIS IS A FIELD INVESTIGATION EXC. CLEARED CLOSED (OTHER EXCEPTIONAL) REPORT

VICTIM(S) :

GAFFNEY, Thomas J

Male / White / 41 Years

EMPLOYMENT: Chicago Police Officer #19958 Chicago Police Officer

EMPLOYER BUSINESS NME: Chicago Police Department

BUS: 3420 W 63rd St
Chicago IL
312-747-8730

MCELLIGOTT, Joseph P

Male / White / 36 Years

EMPLOYMENT: Chicago Police Officer #18715 Chicago Police Officer

EMPLOYER BUSINESS NME: Chicago Police Department

BUS: 3420 W 63rd St
Chicago IL
312-747-8730

VAN DYKE, Jason D

Male / White / 36 Years

EMPLOYMENT: Chicago Police Officer #9465 Chicago Police Officer

EMPLOYER BUSINESS NME: Chicago Police Department

BUS: 3420 W 63rd St
Chicago IL
312-747-8730

WALSH, Joseph J

Male / White / 45 Years

EMPLOYMENT: Chicago Police Officer #12865 Chicago Police Officer

EMPLOYER BUSINESS NME: Chicago Police Department

BUS: 3420 W 63rd St
Chicago IL

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DETECTIVE SUP. APPROVAL COMPLETE

312-747-8730

OFFENDER(S):

MCDONALD, Laquan J

-- In Custody --

ALIAS:

"Bon-Bon"

Male / Black / 17 Years

DOB: [REDACTED]

RES: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

BIRTH PL: Illinois

DESCRIPTION: 6'02,180,Black Hair, Dreadlocks Hair Style, Brown Eyes, Medium Complexion

ITEM USED:

Weapon

DLN/ID: [REDACTED]

OTHER IDENTIFICATIONS: Type - Other Id
State - Unknown

IR #: 2106340

SID #: IL18550721

ORGANIZATION: NEW BREED

RELATIONSHIP OF VICTIM TO OFFENDER:

GAFFNEY, Thomas No Relationship

MCELLIGOTT, Joseph No Relationship

VAN DYKE, Jason No Relationship

WALSH, Joseph No Relationship

GANG INFORMATION:

LISTED CRIMINAL

New Breed

ORGANIZATION:

GANG IDENTIFIERS: Other

OFFENDER INJURIES:

MCDONALD, Laquan J

Type

Weapon Used

Weapon Description

Gun Shot Wound Handgun

Other -Handgun

Injured by Police

Chicago Fire Department Provided First Aid

EXTENT OF INJURY: Multiple Gsw

HOSPITAL REMOVED BY: Cfd Ambulance 21

HOSPITAL: Mt. Sinai

INJURY TREATMENT: Multiple Gsw

PHYSICIAN NAME: Dr Pitzele

INV #: 13296449

WEAPON(S):

Evidence

Smith & Wesson -Us- (Bodyguard,Chief Special) , 5942 , 9 , Semi-Automatic
Pistol , Semi-Automatic , 4" , Stainless

SERIAL #: [REDACTED]

MAGAZINE CAPACITY: 15

Number Of Live Rounds present in the Firearm - 15

Number Of Live Rounds used in the Firearm - 16

The Status Of This Firearm is 628361

PROPERTY TYPE: Other

OWNER: Van Dyke, Jason

POSSESSOR/USER: Van Dyke, Jason

PHONE #: 312 - 747 - 8730

LOCATION FOUND: 5101 S Wentworth Ave

VEHICLE INFO:

Truck , 2010 / Chevrolet / Tahoe / Truck

, Victims Vehicle

VIN: 1GNMCAE0XAR263348

YEAR (RANGE): 2010

Evidence

COLOR (TOP/BOTTOM): White / White

OWNER: Chicago Police Department

POSSESSOR/USER: Gaffney, Thomas

PHONE#: 312 - 747 - 8730

LOCATION FOUND: 4102 S Pulaski Rd

LOCATION OF INCIDENT:

4112 S Pulaski Rd

Chicago IL

304 - Street

DATE & TIME OF INCIDENT:

20-OCT-2014 21:57

WEATHER AND
LIGHTING:

WEATHER: Cloudy & Cool

TEMPERATURE: 50s

LIGHTING: Dark / Artificial Light

LIGHTING SOURCE: Streetlights

DISTANCE: Overhead

MOTIVE CODE(S):

Interceding In A Felony

CAUSE CODE(S):

Dna

METHOD CODE(S):

Offender Shot

CAU CODE(S):

Police Related Not Con

FIREARM(S)
RECOVERED:

INV #: 13296449

Evidence

Smith & Wesson -Us- (Bodyguard,Chief Special) , 5942 , 9 , Semi-

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DETECTIVE SUP. APPROVAL COMPLETE

Automatic Pistol , Semi-Automatic , 4" , Stainless

SERIAL #: [REDACTED]

PROPERTY TYPE: Other

OWNER: Van Dyke, Jason

POSSESSOR/USER: Van Dyke, Jason

PHONE #: 312 - 747 - 8730

LOCATION FOUND: 5101 S Wentworth Ave

MAGAZINE CAPACITY: 15

Number Of Live Rounds present in the Firearm - 15

Number Of Live Rounds used in the Firearm - 16

/EHICLE(S) DAMAGED:

Truck , 2010 / Chevrolet / Tahoe / Truck

VIN: 1GNMCAE0XAR263348

Evidence

YEAR - YEAR RANGE END: 2010

COLOR (TOP/BOTTOM): White / White

OWNER: Chicago Police Department

POSSESSOR/USER: Gaffney, Thomas

PHONE#: 312 - 747 - 8730

LOCATION FOUND: 4102 S Pulaski Rd

LICENSE: MP6581, Law Enforcement (City, County, State, Sos), IL

PERSONNEL ASSIGNED:

Detective/Investigator

MARCH, David M # 20563

Reporting Officer

FONTAINE, Dora # 4484 BEAT: 0841R

WITNESS(ES) :

BACERRA, Arturo

Male / White Hispanic / 32 Years

EMPLOYMENT: Chicago Police Officer #15790 Chicago Police Officer

BUS: 3420 W 63rd St
Chicago IL
312-747-8730

[REDACTED]
Female / White Hispanic / 29 Years

DOB: [REDACTED]

RES: 5340 Prairie
[REDACTED]

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:

Cellular [REDACTED]

Phone : [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Female / White Hispanic / 19 Years

DOB: [REDACTED]

RES: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]BUS: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]DLN/ID: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Male / White Hispanic / 18 Years

DOB: [REDACTED]

RES: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Phone :DLN/ID: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Female / White Hispanic / 24 Years

DOB: [REDACTED]

RES: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

EMPLOYMENT: Shift Manager

BUS: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:

Cellular [REDACTED]
Phone :**FONTAINE, Dora**

Female / White Hispanic / 47 Years

EMPLOYMENT: Chicago Police Officer #4484 Chicago Police Officer

BUS: 3420 W 63rd St
Chicago IL
312-747-8730
[REDACTED]

Male / White Hispanic / 25 Years

DOB: [REDACTED]

RES: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]BUS: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:Cellular [REDACTED]
Phone :SSN: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Female / White Hispanic / 30 Years

DOB: [REDACTED]

RES: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]**OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:**Cellular [REDACTED]
Phone :

Male / White Hispanic / 24 Years

DOB: [REDACTED]

RES: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED]

DLN/ID: [REDACTED]

MONDRAGON, Janet

Female / White Hispanic / 37 Years

EMPLOYMENT: Chicago Police Officer #4364 Chicago Police Officer**BUS:** 3420 W 63rd St
Chicago IL
312-747-8730**SEBASTIAN, Daphne L**

Female / White / 45 Years

EMPLOYMENT: Chicago Police Officer #2763 Chicago Police Officer**BUS:** 3420 W 63rd St
Chicago IL
312-747-8730**VELEZ, Leticia**

Female / White Hispanic / 43 Years

EMPLOYMENT: Chicago Police Officer #10385 Chicago Police Officer**BUS:** 3420 W 63rd St
Chicago IL
312-747-8730**VIRAMONTES, Ricardo**

Male / White Hispanic / 41 Years

EMPLOYMENT: Chicago Police Officer #10590 Chicago Police Officer**BUS:** 3420 W 63rd St
Chicago IL

312-747-8730

**OTHER INDIVIDUALS
INVOLVED:**

(Additional Victim)

Male / White Hispanic / 43 Years

DOB: [REDACTED]

RES: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

EMPLOYMENT: Self-Employed Truck Driver

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:

Cellular [REDACTED]
Phone : [REDACTED]

DLN/ID: [REDACTED] :

(Family Member
Notified)

Male / Black / 25 Years

DOB: [REDACTED]

RES: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS:

Other : [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

(Person Interviewed
Non-Witness)

Female / White Hispanic / 62 Years

DOB: [REDACTED]

RES: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

BUS: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

(Person Interviewed
Non-Witness)

Female / White Hispanic / 39 Years

DOB: [REDACTED]

RES: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

BUS: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

CRIME CODE SUMMARY:

0552 - Assault - Aggravated Po:Knife/Cut Instr

DOOR ASSOCIATIONS:

0552 - Assault - Aggravated Po:Knife/Cut Instr

GAFFNEY, Thomas, J

(Victim)

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DETECTIVE SUP. APPROVAL COMPLETE

MCDONALD, Laquan, J	(Offender)
MCELLIGOTT, Joseph, P	(Victim)
MCDONALD, Laquan, J	(Offender)
MCDONALD, Laquan, J	(Offender)
VAN DYKE, Jason, D	(Victim)
MCDONALD, Laquan, J	(Offender)
WALSH, Joseph, J	(Victim)

ICIDENT NOTIFICATIONS:

NOTIFICATION DATE & TIME: 10/20/2014:230700

REQUEST TYPE: Notification

PERSON NAME: ,Sarlo

STAR #: 13131

EMP #:

NOTIFICATION DATE & TIME: 10/20/2014:231400

REQUEST TYPE: Notification

PERSON NAME: ,Jines

STAR #: 4898

EMP #:

NOTIFICATION DATE & TIME: 10/20/2014:215000

REQUEST TYPE: On Scene

PERSON NAME: ,March

STAR #: 20563

EMP #:

NOTIFICATION DATE & TIME: 10/21/2014:225800

REQUEST TYPE: Notification

PERSON NAME: ,Chibe

STAR #: 7303

EMP #:

NOTIFICATION DATE & TIME: 10/20/2014:235000

REQUEST TYPE: Notification

PERSON NAME: ,Briggs

STAR #:

EMP #: 76

REPORT DISTRIBUTIONS:

No Distribution

INVESTIGATION:

AREA CENTRAL FIELD INVESTIGATION:

Exceptionally Cleared Closed /
Other Exceptional Clearance - Death of Offender.

The full format for this investigation is contained in the previous Progress - Scene Report.

INVESTIGATION:

The reporting detective was assigned to the immediate follow-up investigation of this police officer involved shooting incident, by Sergeant Daniel GALLAGHER of this command. The reporting detective proceeded to the scene of the incident at 4112 South Pulaski Road. The officer involved in the shooting was located and interviewed at the scene.

VAN DYKE, Jason D -----

stated he was a Chicago Police Officer assigned to the 008th District. He was on duty, in uniform, working on Beat 845R. VAN DYKE was working with Police Officer Joseph WALSH. The two officers were assigned to Chicago Police Department vehicle number 6412, a marked Chevrolet Tahoe, four door sport utility vehicle. WALSH was driving the vehicle and VAN DYKE was the passenger.

The two officers responded to a request for assistance from Beat 815R, regarding a man with a knife, on 40th Street, west of Pulaski Road. A unit equipped with a taser had also been requested.

Officer VAN DYKE heard the radio transmission when Officer Thomas GAFFNEY said the man with a knife had "popped" the tire of GAFFNEY's police vehicle. VAN DYKE understood this to mean the subject had slashed the tire with his knife. As Officer WALSH drove westbound on 40th Street from Pulaski, VAN DYKE observed a black male subject, now known as Laquan MCDONALD, running eastbound in the parking lot of the Burger King restaurant on the southwest corner of 40 Street and Pulaski. MCDONALD was holding a knife in his right hand. VAN DYKE saw Police Officer Joseph MCELLIGOTT pursuing MCDONALD on foot. VAN DYKE also saw a civilian who was standing on 40th Street pointing to MCDONALD.

Officer WALSH drove eastbound in the parking lot, in pursuit of MCDONALD, on the north side of the Burger King restaurant building. WALSH used the police vehicle to block MCDONALD from entering the restaurant. MCDONALD ran out onto Pulaski Road and then turned southbound, running toward a Dunkin' Donuts restaurant, on the east side of Pulaski, south of the Burger King. WALSH positioned the police vehicle between MCDONALD and the Dunkin' Donuts to block his path towards that restaurant. When WALSH slowed the police vehicle alongside MCDONALD, Officer VAN DYKE opened the right front door of the vehicle to exit and confront MCDONALD. WALSH told VAN DYKE to stay in the vehicle as they were too close to MCDONALD to safely exit their vehicle. WALSH drove on southbound and stopped the police vehicle ahead of MCDONALD.

Officer VAN DYKE exited the vehicle on the right side and drew his handgun. As VAN DYKE stood in the street on Pulaski, facing northbound, toward MCDONALD, MCDONALD approached southbound. MCDONALD was holding the knife in his right hand, in an underhand grip, with the blade pointed forward. He was swinging the knife in an aggressive, exaggerated manner. VAN DYKE ordered MCDONALD to "Drop the knife!" multiple times. MCDONALD ignored VAN DYKE's verbal direction to drop the knife and continued to advance toward VAN DYKE.

When MCDONALD got to within 10 to 15 feet of Officer VAN DYKE, MCDONALD looked toward

VAN DYKE. MCDONALD raised the knife across his chest and over his shoulder, pointing the knife at VAN DYKE. VAN DYKE believed MCDONALD was attacking VAN DYKE with the knife, and attempting to kill VAN DYKE. In defense of his life, VAN DYKE backpedaled and fired his handgun at MCDONALD, to stop the attack. MCDONALD fell to the ground but continued to move and continued to grasp the knife, refusing to let go of it. VAN DYKE continued to fire his weapon at MCDONALD as MCDONALD was on the ground, as MCDONALD appeared to be attempting to get up, all the while continuing to point the knife at VAN DYKE. The slide on VAN DYKE's pistol locked in the rearward position, indicating the weapon was empty. VAN DYKE performed a tactical reload of his pistol with a new magazine and then assessed the situation.

MCDONALD was no longer moving and the threat had been mitigated, so Officer VAN DYKE and Officer WALSH approached MCDONALD. MCDONALD was still holding the knife in his right hand. VAN DYKE continued to order MCDONALD to "Drop the knife!" Officer WALSH told VAN DYKE, "I have this." VAN DYKE then used his handgun to cover WALSH as WALSH walked up and forcibly kicked the knife out of MCDONALD's right hand, thereby eliminating the threat to the officers.

Officer WALSH then notified the dispatcher on the police radio that shots had been fired by the police. Officer VAN DYKE requested an ambulance for MCDONALD on the radio.

Officer VAN DYKE's weapon was a Smith and Wesson, nine millimeter, semi-automatic pistol, with a 15 round magazine. VAN DYKE said the pistol was fully loaded at the beginning of his tour of duty, with 15 cartridges in the magazine and one cartridge in the firing chamber.

It was noted that the uniform Officer VAN DYKE was wearing consisted of a light blue long sleeve uniform shirt, with shoulder patches; black body armor vest, with patches; navy blue cargo pants; and equipment belt with handgun and radio.

The reporting detective then interviewed Officer VAN DYKE's partner.

WALSH, Joseph J -----

stated he was a Chicago Police Officer assigned to the 008th District. WALSH related the same facts as his partner, Officer Jason VAN DYKE.

WALSH added that as Laquan MCDONALD ran eastbound through the Burger King parking lot, WALSH used the police vehicle he was driving to block MCDONALD from entering the restaurant.

As MCDONALD ran southbound on Pulaski Road, from the Burger King, WALSH pursued MCDONALD in the police vehicle. WALSH drove southbound in the northbound lanes to get ahead of MCDONALD, keeping the police vehicle between MCDONALD and a Dunkin' Donuts restaurant, on the east side of Pulaski. As their vehicle passed MCDONALD, Officer VAN DYKE opened the right front door of their vehicle, to exit the truck and confront MCDONALD. WALSH, realizing that at this point they were too close to the armed MCDONALD to safely exit the vehicle, told VAN DYKE to wait until they got further ahead of MCDONALD. WALSH drove further south on Pulaski. He stopped his vehicle south of MCDONALD and exited the driver's door as VAN DYKE exited the right side of the vehicle. WALSH drew his handgun when he exited the vehicle.

Officer WALSH came around the rear of the police vehicle and joined Officer VAN DYKE on the right side of the vehicle. WALSH also stood in the street on Pulaski, facing northbound, as MCDONALD walked southbound toward the officers. WALSH ordered MCDONALD to "Drop the knife!" multiple times as MCDONALD approached the officers.

Officer WALSH also backed up, attempting to maintain a safe distance between himself and MCDONALD. MCDONALD ignored the verbal direction given by both WALSH and Officer VAN DYKE, and continued to advance toward the officers. When MCDONALD got to within 12 to 15 feet of the officers he swung the knife toward the officers in an aggressive manner. VAN DYKE opened fire with his handgun and MCDONALD fell to the ground. VAN DYKE continued firing his weapon at MCDONALD as MCDONALD continued moving on the ground, attempting to get up, while still armed with the knife.

When the gunfire stopped and MCDONALD was not moving anymore, WALSH approached MCDONALD with VAN DYKE. WALSH continued to order MCDONALD to "Drop the knife!" multiple times, as MCDONALD was still holding the knife in his right hand. WALSH forcibly kicked the knife out of MCDONALD's hand and then notified the dispatcher on the police radio that shots had been fired by the police. An ambulance was also requested for MCDONALD.

As they waited for the ambulance to respond to the scene, Officer WALSH told MCDONALD to "hang in there," and that an ambulance was on the way.

Officer WALSH said he believed MCDONALD was attacking WALSH and Officer VAN DYKE with the knife and attempting to kill them when the shots were fired. WALSH stated he did not fire his handgun because VAN DYKE was in the line of fire between WALSH and MCDONALD. WALSH thought VAN DYKE fired eight or nine shots total.

It was noted that Officer WALSH wore the same uniform configuration as Officer VAN DYKE.

The officers assigned to Beat 815R were interviewed.

GAFFNEY, Thomas J -----

stated he was a Chicago Police Officer assigned to the 008th District. He was on duty, in uniform, working on Beat 815R. GAFFNEY was working with Police Officer Joseph MCELLIGOTT. The two officers were assigned to Chicago Police Department vehicle number 8489, a marked Chevrolet Tahoe, four door sport utility vehicle. GAFFNEY was driving the vehicle and MCELLIGOTT was the passenger.

The officers responded to an assignment of holding an offender for breaking into trucks at 41st Street and Kildare Avenue. Upon arrival at that location they met an Hispanic couple who told the officers a black male subject, wearing a dark shirt, had attempted to break into trucks parked in the parking lot at that location. The couple told the officers the subject had walked off and was last seen walking eastbound on 40th Street from Kildare.

Officer GAFFNEY drove northbound on Kildare to 40th Street. When he turned eastbound onto 40th Street he saw a black male subject wearing dark clothing, walking eastbound on the sidewalk,

on the south side of the street. Officer MCELLIGOTT exited the police vehicle to approach the subject, now known as Laquan MCDONALD. GAFFNEY stayed in the vehicle in case MCDONALD fled. MCELLIGOTT called to MCDONALD and told him to stop but MCDONALD continued walking eastbound, ignoring MCELLIGOTT. MCDONALD's hands were in his pockets as he walked. MCELLIGOTT told MCDONALD to take his hands out of his pockets. MCDONALD took his hands out of his pockets and MCELLIGOTT told GAFFNEY that MCDONALD had a knife. GAFFNEY then saw a silver colored knife in MCDONALD's right hand. GAFFNEY also saw that MCELLIGOTT had his handgun drawn at this point. MCELLIGOTT repeatedly ordered MCDONALD to "Drop the knife," but MCDONALD ignored these directions. As MCDONALD reached Keeler Avenue, GAFFNEY notified the dispatcher on the police radio that they were following a subject with a knife and requested assistance from a unit equipped with a taser.

MCDONALD continued walking eastbound, Officer MCELLIGOTT following on foot and Officer GAFFNEY following in the police vehicle. As MCDONALD approached Karlov Avenue, GAFFNEY turned the Tahoe southbound onto Karlov and stopped, blocking the crosswalk. GAFFNEY said he wanted to stop MCDONALD before he reached Pulaski Road, a business street where more civilians were present. The area where MCDONALD was first observed was industrial in nature with no other civilians present. When GAFFNEY stopped his vehicle in front of MCDONALD, blocking his path, MCDONALD stabbed the right front tire of the Tahoe with his knife, causing the tire to go flat. GAFFNEY immediately informed the radio dispatcher that MCDONALD had "popped" the tire. MCDONALD attempted to walk around the front of the police vehicle and GAFFNEY drove the Tahoe forward a short distance to continue to block MCDONALD's path. MCDONALD then stabbed at the windshield of the Tahoe with the knife, striking the right side of the windshield. MCDONALD then continued walking eastbound from Karlov.

As MCDONALD approached the Burger King restaurant parking lot at 40th Street and Pulaski, assisting police units arrived, approaching westbound on 40th Street from Pulaski. MCDONALD began to run eastbound through the restaurant parking lot, on the north side of the Burger King building. He ran out onto Pulaski and then turned and ran southbound on Pulaski. Beat 845R pursued MCDONALD in their police vehicle, eastbound through the parking lot, over the curb at Pulaski, then southbound on Pulaski. Officer GAFFNEY lost sight of MCDONALD when he turned southbound on Pulaski.

Because of the flat tire on his vehicle, Officer GAFFNEY did not drive over the curb. As he drove around out onto Pulaski, GAFFNEY heard multiple gunshots in rapid succession. He did not see who was shooting. When he reached Pulaski MCDONALD was lying on the ground.

It was noted that Officer GAFFNEY wore the same uniform configuration as Officer VAN DYKE with the addition of the uniform baseball style cap with embroidered patch.

MCELLIGOTT, Joseph P -----

stated he was a Chicago Police Officer assigned to the 008th District. MCELLIGOTT related the same facts as his partner, Officer Thomas GAFFNEY.

Officer MCELLIGOTT added that after he exited the police vehicle, when Laquan MCDONALD took his hands out of his pockets and MCELLIGOTT saw MCDONALD holding a knife in his right

hand, MCELLIGOTT drew his handgun. He repeatedly ordered MCDONALD to "Drop the knife." MCDONALD ignored MCELLIGOTT's directions and continued to walk eastbound on 40th Street. MCELLIGOTT followed MCDONALD on foot, maintaining a safe distance between himself and the armed MCDONALD.

Officer MCELLIGOTT heard Officer GAFFNEY request assistance and a unit with a taser over the police radio. GAFFNEY attempted to use the police vehicle to block MCDONALD from continuing on toward the Burger King restaurant at Pulaski Road. At this point MCDONALD stabbed the right front tire and the windshield of the police vehicle. MCELLIGOTT began to hear the sirens of approaching assisting police units and MCDONALD began to run toward the Burger King restaurant.

When MCDONALD ran eastbound through the parking lot of the Burger King, Officer MCELLIGOTT ran after MCDONALD in pursuit. MCELLIGOTT ran out into the middle of Pulaski Road in pursuit of MCDONALD. MCELLIGOTT heard multiple gunshots but did not see who fired the shots. The gunfire was continuous, one shot after another. MCELLIGOTT then saw MCDONALD lying on the ground. MCELLIGOTT saw Officer Joseph WALSH kick the knife out of MCDONALD's hand.

It was noted that Officer MCELLIGOTT wore the same uniform configuration as Officer VAN DYKE.

Other officers who responded to this incident were also interviewed.

SEBASTIAN, Daphne L -----

stated she was a Chicago Police Officer assigned to the 008th District. She was on duty, in uniform, working on Beat 813R. SEBASTIAN was working with Police Officer Janet MONDRAGON. The two officers were assigned to a marked vehicle. MONDRAGON was driving the vehicle and SEBASTIAN was the passenger.

The two officers responded to the request for assistance made by Beat 815R, regarding a subject with a knife. Officer SEBASTIAN thought the original call for assistance was at 40th Street and Keeler Avenue. The subject had punctured a tire on the police vehicle of Beat 815R. Officer MONDRAGON drove northbound on Pulaski Road, following Beat 845R, as they also responded to the request for assistance. MONDRAGON turned westbound onto 40th Street, behind Beat 845R.

Officer SEBASTIAN observed a black male subject, now known as Laquan MCDONALD, running southeast bound through the parking lot of the Burger King restaurant. Beat 845R pursued MCDONALD in their police vehicle, through the parking lot, toward Pulaski. SEBASTIAN told Officer MONDRAGON to drive back out onto Pulaski to assist in the pursuit. MCDONALD ran out onto Pulaski and continued to run southbound down the middle of the street. Beat 845R pursued MCDONALD in their vehicle, southbound on Pulaski, followed by Beat 813R. As MCDONALD ran southbound on Pulaski, SEBASTIAN saw the knife in his right hand. MCDONALD was waving the knife.

Beat 845R stopped their vehicle ahead of MCDONALD, between MCDONALD and the Dunkin'

Donuts restaurant on the east side of Pulaski. Officers Joseph WALSH and Jason VAN DYKE exited their vehicle and drew their handguns. MCDONALD turned toward the two officers and continued to wave the knife. Sebastian heard the officers repeatedly order MCDONALD to "Drop the knife!" MCDONALD ignored the verbal directions and continued to advance on the officers, waving the knife. Officer SEBASTIAN heard multiple gunshots and MCDONALD fell to the ground, where he continued to move. SEBASTIAN did not know who fired the shots, which were fired in one continuous group. She then saw Officer WALSH kick the knife out of MCDONALD's hand.

MONDRAGON, Janet -----

stated she was a Chicago Police Officer assigned to the 008th District. MONDRAGON related the same facts as her partner, Officer Daphne SEBASTIAN.

Officer MONDRAGON added that as she drove westbound on 40th Street, she saw Officer MCELLIGOTT running eastbound through the Burger King parking lot. She made a U-turn and drove back out onto Pulaski Road. MONDRAGON turned southbound onto Pulaski. She saw Laquan MCDONALD running southbound on Pulaski, in the middle of the street. As she got closer she could see MCDONALD was holding a knife in his right hand. He was waving the knife.

Officer MONDRAGON saw Officers Joseph WALSH and Jason VAN DYKE outside of their police vehicle. She heard the officers repeatedly ordering MCDONALD to "Drop the knife!" as MCDONALD got closer and closer to the officers, continuing to wave the knife. As she was placing her vehicle transmission into Park, MONDRAGON looked down and heard multiple, continuous gunshots, without pause. MONDRAGON then saw MCDONALD fall to the ground. MONDRAGON did not know who fired the shots.

BACERRA, Arturo -----

stated he was a Chicago Police Officer assigned to the 008th District. He was on duty, in uniform, working on Beat 822. BACERRA was working with Police Officer Leticia VELEZ. The two officers were assigned to a marked vehicle. BACERRA was driving the vehicle and VELEZ was the passenger.

Officer BACERRA and his partner responded to the request for assistance made by Beat 815R, regarding a subject who was armed with a knife. BACERRA was driving northbound on Pulaski Road from 47th Street. As he approached the scene of this incident, at 4112 South Pulaski, he observed a black male subject, now known as Laquan MCDONALD, in the middle of the street, flailing his arms. As he got closer, BACERRA observed MCDONALD to be holding a knife in his right hand. BACERRA drove past MCDONALD, with MCDONALD on the left side of the police vehicle, as Beat 845R drove past BACERRA, on the right side of his vehicle, travelling southbound. As BACERRA began to make a U-turn, he heard multiple gunshots. He then saw MCDONALD lying on the ground. BACERRA did not see who fired the shots.

VELEZ, Leticia -----

stated she was a Chicago Police Officer assigned to the 008th District. VELEZ related the same facts as her partner, Officer Arturo BACERRA.

Officer VELEZ added that as they approached the scene she observed Laquan MCDONALD standing in the middle of the street, holding a shiny object in his right hand. She saw him waving the object in the air. Officer BACERRA drove past MCDONALD and began to make a U-turn, when VELEZ heard multiple gunshots, without pause or delay. She then saw MCDONALD fall to the ground. VELEZ did not see who fired the shots. She did see an unknown officer kick the knife from MCDONALD's hand after he was down on the ground.

FONTAINE, Dora -----

stated she was a Chicago Police Officer assigned to the 008th District. She was on duty, in uniform, working on Beat 841R. FONTAINE was working with Police Officer Ricardo VIRAMONTES. The two officers were assigned to a marked vehicle. VIRAMONTES was driving the vehicle and FONTAINE was the passenger.

The two officers responded to the request for assistance made by Beat 815R, regarding a man with a knife at 41st Street and Pulaski Road. Officer VIRAMONTES drove northbound on Pulaski. When they arrived at the scene of this incident, in front of the Dunkin' Donuts restaurant, Officer FONTAINE saw a black male subject, now known as Laquan MCDONALD, walking southbound in the street, with a knife in his right hand. MCDONALD was walking sideways, with his body facing east, toward Officers Jason VAN DYKE and Joseph WALSH. These two officers were standing in the middle of the street, on the right side of their police vehicle, which was facing southbound. FONTAINE heard the officers repeatedly order MCDONALD to "Drop the knife!" MCDONALD ignored the verbal direction and instead, raised his right arm toward Officer VAN DYKE, as if attacking VAN DYKE. At this time VAN DYKE fired multiple shots from his handgun, until MCDONALD fell to the ground and stopped moving his right arm and hand, which still grasped the knife. The gunshots were rapid fire, without pause. Officer WALSH then kicked the knife out of MCDONALD's hand.

VIRAMONTES, Ricardo -----

stated he was a Chicago Police Officer assigned to the 008th District. VIRAMONTES related the same facts as his partner, Officer Dora FONTAINE.

Officer VIRAMONTES added that when he exited his police vehicle, at the scene, he observed a black male subject, now known as Laquan MCDONALD, walking southbound on Pulaski Road, in the middle of the street, holding a knife in his right hand. VIRAMONTES heard Officer Jason VAN DYKE repeatedly order MCDONALD to "Drop the knife!" MCDONALD ignored the verbal direction and turned toward VAN DYKE and his partner, Officer Joseph WALSH. At this time VAN DYKE fired multiple shots from his handgun. MCDONALD fell to the ground but continued to move, attempting to get back up, with the knife still in his hand. VAN DYKE fired his weapon at MCDONALD continuously, until MCDONALD was no longer moving.

The scene of this incident, at 4112 South Pulaski Road, was observed to be a wide commercial street with traffic traveling north and south. There were two traffic lanes and a curb lane in each direction. A wide median separated the northbound and southbound traffic lanes. The scene was just south of the intersection of Pulaski and 41st Street. This was a "T" intersection with 41st Street extending east from Pulaski. In the center median was a left turn lane for northbound traffic

turning west onto 40th Street, further to the north. The Pulaski median was level with the traffic lanes and was striped with yellow paint.

On the west side of Pulaski was a large vacant lot. North of the vacant lot, on the southwest corner of 40th Street and Pulaski, was a Burger King restaurant. On the east side of the street was a Dunkin Donuts restaurant.

The weather was cloudy and cool with the temperature in the 50s. It was dark with good artificial light provided by overhead streetlights. All of the lights were on and functioning normally. There was also artificial light provided by the lighting of the nearby businesses.

In the northbound left turn lane, Chicago Police Department vehicle number 6412, assigned to Beat 845R, was sitting, facing southeast. The vehicle was a marked Chevrolet Tahoe, four door sport utility vehicle. The right front door of the vehicle was open.

In the southbound traffic lanes, in the right lane, a metal folding pocket knife was lying on the pavement. The blade was in the open position. The overall length of the knife was seven inches, with a three inch blade. The knife was in line with the front end of the vehicle of Beat 845R. Just north of the knife were two pools of blood on the pavement. Five metal bullet fragments were lying on the pavement near the blood. North of the blood, scattered in a diagonal pattern from southwest to northeast, across both southbound traffic lanes and the northbound left turn lane, were 16, nine millimeter caliber cartridge cases, lying on the pavement.

Chicago Police Department vehicle number 8489, assigned to Beat 815R, was sitting at the west curb at 4102 South Pulaski. The right front tire of the vehicle was flat, with a large puncture to the sidewall of the tire. The right side of the windshield was scratched from being struck by Laquan MCDONALD's knife.

Mobile Crime Lab Beat 5802 responded to the scene. Video and photographs were taken of the scene. The knife and firearms evidence was collected from the street, as were swabs of the blood.

The right front wheel and tire of Chicago Police Department vehicle number 8489 was also recovered. The right front quarter panel of vehicle number 8489 was processed for fingerprints and four ridge impressions were recovered.

A canvass was conducted of the area near the scene of this incident in an attempt to identify and locate witnesses. A number of people were interviewed.

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stated she was ██████████ at the Burger King restaurant. At approximately 21:55 hours ██████████ observed police officers chasing a black male subject, now known as Laquan MCDONALD, through the parking lot, on the north side of the restaurant building. The officers chased MCDONALD southbound down Pulaski Road, toward the Dunkin' Donuts restaurant. ██████████ then heard multiple gunshots and dove to the ground.

██████████ permitted access to the Burger King video system. No video of this incident was recorded. The system was not recording at that time. The system was activated and video was

recovered from the system from earlier in the day, showing the view of each of the cameras in the system. It was noted that none of these camera views showed the area of the scene where the confrontation between Laquan MCDONALD and Police Officers Jason VAN DYKE and Joseph WALSH occurred, on Pulaski Road, south of the Burger King restaurant. If the system had been recording at the time of this incident, it would not have recorded any footage of that confrontation.

[REDACTED] stated he was at the Burger King restaurant, waiting for his girlfriend, [REDACTED], who was working at the drive-thru window. [REDACTED] observed a "young black dude" with his hair in dreadlocks, now known as Laquan MCDONALD, running through the parking lot of the restaurant. He was being pursued by police officers. MCDONALD was holding his pants like he might have had a gun or something. MCDONALD then ran southbound on the sidewalk and then out into the street on Pulaski Road. [REDACTED] last saw MCDONALD running towards the middle of the intersection of 41st Street and Pulaski. MCDONALD appeared confused. [REDACTED] then turned his attention back to his girlfriend at the drive-thru window. He did not witness the shooting.

[REDACTED] stated she was working at [REDACTED] of the Burger King restaurant. She observed a male subject, now known as Laquan MCDONALD, running from the restaurant parking lot, southbound on Pulaski Road, toward the Dunkin' Donuts restaurant. [REDACTED] heard multiple gunshots and then saw that MCDONALD was lying in the street.

[REDACTED] stated she was [REDACTED] of the Burger King restaurant. She did not see or hear anything.

[REDACTED] stated she was [REDACTED] of the Burger King restaurant. She did not see or hear anything.

Laquan MCDONALD had been transported to Mount Sinai Hospital by Chicago Fire Department Ambulance 21. He sustained multiple gunshot wounds as documented in the format of this investigation. MCDONALD was treated for his injuries in the emergency room. He succumbed to his wounds and was subsequently pronounced dead by Doctor PITZELE, at 22:42 hours.

Registered Nurse [REDACTED], recovered three metal bullet fragments from MCDONALD and turned these over to Detective William JOHNSON. These were subsequently turned over to Mobile Crime Lab Beat 5802, who also recovered metal fragments from MCDONALD's sweater.

The reporting detective had learned of the death of Laquan MCDONALD while still at the scene of this incident. The Office of the Medical Examiner of Cook County was notified of MCDONALD's death, and Investigator BRIGGS assigned Medical Examiner's case number 2014 - 01071 to this case.

In the Bureau of Detectives - Area Central office, Evidence Technician Beat 5824 recovered Officer Jason VAN DYKE's handgun, a Smith and Wesson, Model 5942, nine millimeter caliber, semi-automatic pistol. The weapon was loaded with one cartridge in the firing chamber and 14 cartridges in the magazine, when recovered.

Beat 5824 took photographs of Officers Jason VAN DYKE, Joseph WALSH, Thomas GAFFNEY and Joseph MCELLIGOTT. Elimination prints, including palm prints, were also taken from Officers GAFFNEY and MCELLIGOTT.

Officer Jason VAN DYKE was re-interviewed for additional detail, in the Area Central office.

VAN DYKE, Jason D -----

related the same sequence of events as documented in his original interview at the scene of this incident.

VAN DYKE additionally articulated the reasoning behind his decision to use deadly force against the offender in this incident, Laquan MCDONALD. VAN DYKE was aware of the radio transmissions from Officer Thomas GAFFNEY, on Beat 815R, that MCDONALD was armed with a knife. VAN DYKE was aware that MCDONALD had attacked the officers on Beat 815R by slashing the tire of their police vehicle.

As he confronted MCDONALD at 4112 South Pulaski Road, VAN DYKE saw that MCDONALD was in fact, armed with a knife, a deadly weapon. VAN DYKE was aware of the widely accepted teaching in law enforcement that an assailant armed with a knife was considered a deadly threat, if within 21 feet, because it was possible for such an assailant to close that distance and attack with the knife before a defensive shot could be fired from a handgun. VAN DYKE was also aware of the existence of throwing knives, which can be thrown from a distance, as well as spring loaded knives, which propel a blade through the air from the knife handle. VAN DYKE also said he recalled a previously issued Chicago Police Department bulletin warning of a weapon which appeared to be a knife but which actually was capable of firing a bullet, making it a firearm.

Subsequently, a search was conducted of the Chicago Police Department, Automated Message Center, to find the bulletin Officer Jason VAN DYKE remembered, regarding the weapon that appeared to be a knife, but was actually a firearm. This bulletin was issued on 04 December 2012. It was Officer Safety Alert number 2012-OSA-297. It was a warning regarding a "revolver knife" which was capable of firing .22 caliber cartridges.

Three witnesses had been transported into the Area Central office from the scene and were interviewed.

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stated she was in the Burger King restaurant parking lot. She saw a subject, now known as Laquan MCDONALD, running southbound on Pulaski Road. ██████████ saw many police officers on the street. She was trying to get her cellular telephone to work, to record video. ██████████ heard eight gunshots fired continuously. She did not see who fired the shots. ██████████ then saw

a police officer pointing a handgun at MCDONALD as he was lying on the ground.

With her permission, [REDACTED] telephone was examined for any recorded video footage with negative results.

[REDACTED] stated he was at the Burger King restaurant drive-thru with [REDACTED]. He saw a black male subject, now known as Laquan MCDONALD, running from the trucks parked at the rear of the restaurant parking lot. MCDONALD ran eastbound in the parking lot, on the north side of the Burger King building. A police officer was chasing MCDONALD on foot, eastbound through the parking lot, then southbound on Pulaski Road. A Chicago Police Department, Chevrolet Tahoe sport utility vehicle pulled up on Pulaski. MCDONALD ran toward the police vehicle. A police officer exited the vehicle and fired multiple shots from a handgun at MCDONALD. [REDACTED] thought there was video footage of the incident recorded on [REDACTED] cellular telephone. As documented in the previous interview of [REDACTED], her telephone was examined with negative results.

[REDACTED] stated he was sitting in a truck, parked in the Burger King restaurant parking lot, on the south side of the restaurant building. He was completing some logs. [REDACTED] observed a black male subject, now known as Laquan MCDONALD, running southbound on Pulaski Road. The police were pursuing MCDONALD. [REDACTED] heard approximately three gunshots. He did not see who fired the shots. [REDACTED] exited the cab of his truck and climbed up on top of it. He saw a Chicago Police Department, Chevrolet Tahoe sport utility vehicle, and many police officers on Pulaski Road.

[REDACTED] insisted on leaving the Area Central office after their initial interviews, and they were transported as they requested.

Sergeant Lance BECVAR responded to the scene and subsequently to the Area Central office. He was able to recover video of this incident from the vehicles assigned to Beats 845R and 813R. This video was uploaded into the system. The reporting detective submitted a request for copies of these two videos which were subsequently inventoried. The reporting detective also requested that the videos be permanently retained. No video of this incident was recovered from the vehicles assigned to Beats 815R, 822 and 841R.

The recovered in-car camera video from Beats 845R and 813R was viewed and found to be consistent with the accounts of all of the witnesses. The video from Beat 813R showed that at the time Officer Jason VAN DYKE fired his handgun at Laquan MCDONALD, VAN DYKE was standing near the east edge of the southbound traffic lanes of Pulaski Road, and MCDONALD was near the lane marking separating the two southbound traffic lanes. The two were separated by the width of one traffic lane. The width of this traffic lane was approximately ten feet.

Recordings of the original 9-1-1 call and the radio transmissions over the Chicago Police Department, Zone 6 radio frequency were obtained from the Office of Emergency Management

and Communication. The recordings were reviewed and subsequently inventoried.

In the 9-1-1 call, a caller who identified himself as [REDACTED] stated that he was holding a guy for stealing radios from trucks in a trucking yard.

The recorded radio transmissions were consistent with the statements of the police officers involved in this incident. It was determined from the radio transmissions, that the entire interaction of the involved police officers, with Laquan MCDONALD, from the time Beat 815R notified the radio dispatcher that they had made contact with him, and that he was armed with a knife, until Beat 845R notified the dispatcher that shots had been fired by the police, lasted more than four minutes.

The criminal history of Laquan MCDONALD was reviewed. [REDACTED]

Additionally, there were two documented incidents, under Records Division numbers HS640983 and HT106389, on 01 December 2010 and 05 January 2011. In these incidents officials at the [REDACTED], elementary school, called the police because of the violent behavior of Laquan MCDONALD. The reports indicated that MCDONALD was a special education student at the school and that this had become a pattern of behavior for MCDONALD. The school officials indicated that MCDONALD had behavioral problems and anger issues. In both incidents MCDONALD was transported to [REDACTED] for evaluation and treatment.

The family of Laquan MCDONALD was located and notified of his death.

[REDACTED] -----
stated he was an uncle of Laquan MCDONALD. MCDONALD was living with JOHNSON while MCDONALD "worked out his problems." [REDACTED] said that MCDONALD attended [REDACTED] school but was currently suspended. MCDONALD suffered from "hypertension" but refused to take any medication. He stopped taking his prescribed medication approximately two years prior because he said it made him "freak out."

[REDACTED] last saw MCDONALD on Saturday, 18 October 2014, at approximately 13:00 hours, when MCDONALD left the apartment. He had not been back since. MCDONALD had rung the doorbell earlier in the day on 20 October 2014. [REDACTED] said they "buzzed" MCDONALD into the building but he never came up to the apartment.

[REDACTED] had no idea why MCDONALD would be in the area of 41st Street and Pulaski Road. JOHNSON said he would attempt to notify MCDONALD's mother, [REDACTED].

On Tuesday, 21 October 2014, [REDACTED] of the 9-1-1 caller, [REDACTED] was located and interviewed.

stated she was with [REDACTED], parking a truck in the lot at 41st Street and Kildare Avenue. She saw a black male subject, now known as Laquan MCDONALD, attempting to steal property from vehicles parked in the lot. [REDACTED] confronted MCDONALD and told him to leave the lot. [REDACTED] said that MCDONALD did not say anything, but instead, he was "growling" and making strange noises. [REDACTED] again told MCDONALD to leave the lot and MCDONALD pulled out a knife. MCDONALD swung the knife at [REDACTED] attempting to cut him. [REDACTED] had already called 9-1-1 so he backed up and threw his cellular telephone at MCDONALD. MCDONALD then ran from the lot. He ran northbound on Kildare, then eastbound on 40th Street.

[REDACTED] described MCDONALD as a black male, with his hair in braids. He was wearing a black hood and blue jeans. [REDACTED] viewed a photograph of Laquan MCDONALD and identified him as the subject in the lot, who had been attempting to steal property from vehicles parked in the lot, and who subsequently threatened [REDACTED] with a knife, when [REDACTED] confronted MCDONALD.

On Wednesday, 22 October 2014, the 9-1-1 caller was interviewed.

related the same facts as [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] re-iterated that Laquan MCDONALD swung his knife at [REDACTED], attempting to cut him. [REDACTED] stated he was the person who called 9-1-1 regarding this incident.

A canvass was conducted of the area near the scene of this incident for any recorded video.

There were no Police Observation Devices, or other City of Chicago video cameras in the area.

Recorded video was recovered from three cameras on the exterior of the building housing the Greater Chicago Food Depository, at 4100 West Ann Lurie Place. Two of these videos showed two different views of Laquan MCDONALD walking eastbound on the sidewalk, on the south side of 40th Street, between Keeler and Karlov Avenues. Officer Joseph MCELLIGOTT was following MCDONALD on foot, maintaining a safe distance between himself and MCDONALD, while Officer Thomas GAFFNEY was following MCDONALD in a police vehicle. The third video did not capture any part of this incident.

Recorded video was recovered from two cameras at the Dunkin' Donuts restaurant, at 4113 South Pulaski Road. One of these videos showed the end of this incident, when Officers Jason VAN DYKE and Joseph WALSH stopped their vehicle, exited the vehicle and confronted Laquan MCDONALD. The view in this video is from a distance. The video from the second camera did not capture any part of this incident.

Recorded video was recovered from two cameras from Focal Point, 4141 South Pulaski Road. These videos did not capture any part of this incident.

All of the recovered video was inventoried.

A Major Case Review of this case was conducted at the Illinois State Police Crime Laboratory, on Thursday, 30 October 2014. An Evidence Submission Form was completed per this review.

The assigned personnel became aware of a potential question regarding the integrity of the video recovered from the Burger King restaurant. In an attempt to follow-up on this issue the assigned personnel proceeded to the restaurant on Wednesday, 11 March 2015. Manager, [REDACTED] was contacted at the restaurant. She stated that the video system at the restaurant had recently been repaired and a new digital video recorder had been installed. [REDACTED] said that as of this date, 11 of the 16 video ports in the system actually recorded video. This was consistent with the video recovered on the date of this incident. Video was recorded and recovered on 11 of the 16 video ports in the system on that date.

Any additional inquiries regarding the video system at the restaurant were referred to the district manager responsible for that restaurant, [REDACTED]. He was contacted and related that the day after this incident occurred, personnel from the Independent Police Review Authority, of the City of Chicago, came to the restaurant. They viewed video from the system and took custody of the digital video recorder. The recorder was returned to the restaurant two weeks later. Personnel from the Federal Bureau of Investigation then came to the restaurant and made copies of video from the system. After that some lawyers came to the restaurant with subpoenas to make copies of video from the system. Finally, [REDACTED] stated that personnel from the Federal Bureau of Investigation had come to the restaurant again, approximately three weeks prior to this interview, and took the digital video recorder. [REDACTED] did not have any further information regarding the video system.

The assigned personnel also became aware of an article written by [REDACTED], a professor at the University of Chicago Law School, citing the existence of an unknown witness to this incident. [REDACTED] was contacted on Thursday, 12 March 2015, in an attempt to interview this witness. [REDACTED] stated that this witness had already been interviewed by the Independent Police Review Authority and [REDACTED] did not know if the witness would be willing to be interviewed by the Chicago Police Department. [REDACTED] said he would contact the witness and provide him with contact information for the assigned personnel.

Based upon all the facts known at this time, and the death of the only offender in this incident, this case is now Exceptionally Cleared Closed / Other Exceptional Clearance - Death of Offender.

The above to-date investigation determined that Laquan MCDONALD was an active assailant who, while armed with a dangerous weapon, used force likely to cause death or serious injury to a private citizen when he attacked [REDACTED]; threatened the imminent use of force likely to cause death or serious injury when he incised the tire and stabbed the windshield of a Chicago Police Department vehicle occupied by Officer Thomas GAFFNEY; and initiated imminent use of force likely to cause death or serious injury when he initiated an attack on Officers Jason VAN DYKE and Joseph WALSH. The above investigation concluded that Officer Jason VAN DYKE's use of deadly force, the discharging of his duty firearm, was within the bounds of the Chicago Police Department's use of force guidelines, and in conformity with local ordinances and state law.

Based on the above facts, the associated report, under Records Division number HX486155, is now Closed / Non-Criminal.

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